From: Gilad Skolnick
To: Quinton Zondervan
Subject: Re: Call for Transparency and an end to the Demonization of Israel
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:32:14 AM

Hi Quinton,

Glad you sponsored the Saudi Arabia resolution but it doesn't call to boycott any American companies because they are active in Saudi Arabia.

Yes, for some reason the city of Cambridge has been secretive in regards to the resolution.

I rail against Trump as well, and likewise I oppose the current elected Prime Minister of Israel. What Cambridge is proposing to do here is to single out Israel. I am not aware of any resolutions to boycott any other companies who do business with Russia, China, etc. Shouldn't you start with the dictatorships?

Why start with Israel?

Over 30k are estimated to have been killed as a result of American actions in Iraq since 2003, maybe start with companies that do business with the US?

Under Obama, the State Department adopted a definition of anti-semitism that included holding the only Jewish state to an unfair double standard: "Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation" https://www.state.gov/s/rga/resources/267538.htm

Meanwhile the Cambridge City Council recently declared an official relationship with Dongguan, China, a notorious center of labor rights violations in a country that is a human rights violator on a massive scale.

Thanks for writing back,

Gilad

On Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 5:15 PM, Quinton Zondervan <qyz915@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thanks for writing Gilad. Have you seen this resolution? Because I haven't :-/ FYI I did in fact sponsor a resolution against Saudi Arabia and Prince bin Salman :-) You should check it out; it passed unanimously:
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> https://cambridgema.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?ID=6756
>
> I rail against Trump all day long. Does that make me anti-American? I don't think so :-)
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> I do appreciate you contacting me and being active. I don't mind criticism, but do please inform yourself first :-)
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> Best,
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On Apr 13, 2018, at 3:27 PM, GILAD SKOLNICK <gilad@northeasternhillel.org> wrote:

Dear City Council Member Quinton Y. Zondervan,

I am disappointed by your singling out of Israel, and holding Israel to a double standard. There is a clear link to where BDS has been passed and an increase in anti-semitism.

What other countries have you had resolutions about? Are you boycotting businesses that work with Saudi Arabia, or does sexism, racism and homophobia not bother you?

Are you singling out China? Jordan? Egypt? How about the US, or does Trump not bother you either?

Shouldn't you be focusing on issues that actually impact Cambridge residents such as housing, the environment, etc?

Best,
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